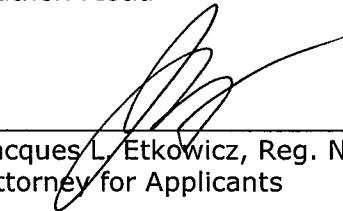


Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants have amended the claims to better conform to U.S. practice. No new matter is added by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the amendments be entered and examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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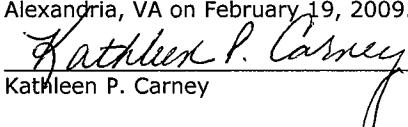
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